

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 4 and cancel claim 3 so that the claims read as follows:

1. (currently amended) An elliptical polarizer comprising at least a polarizer and an optical anisotropic element wherein said optical anisotropic element comprises a liquid crystalline substance layer with a fixed liquid crystal orientation, a tacky adhesive/adhesive layer, and a stress blocking layer having a thickness of 0.3 μ m or greater and 40 μ m or less and a glass transition temperature (Tg) of 20°C or higher.

2. (original) The elliptical polarizer according to claim 1 wherein said stress blocking layer is arranged between said liquid crystalline substance layer and said tacky adhesive/adhesive layer.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The elliptical polarizer according to claim 1 wherein [[it]] the elliptical polarizer has a thickness of 450 μ m or less.

5. (original) A liquid crystal display device equipped with at least one elliptical polarizer as defined in claim 1.